

CLAIMS:

1. A system for adapting one or more legacy entertainment sources for
5 coupling to and remote operation over a network, to provide selected entertainment
output of the sources to an output device, the system comprising:

a first source-side network adaptor for coupling a first one of the one or
more legacy entertainment sources to the network, said first
10 source-side network adaptor being adapted for receiving first
entertainment output of said first legacy entertainment source and
forwarding said first entertainment output to the network; and
an output-side network adaptor for coupling the output device to the
15 network and receiving one or more first commands from a first
wireless controller capable of operating said first legacy
entertainment source, said output-side network adaptor including
an output selecting module for selecting said first entertainment
output based on said one or more first commands.

20 2. The system of claim 1, wherein said output-side network adaptor is further
adapted for receiving the selected said first entertainment output from the network and
providing the selected said first entertainment output to the output device.

25 3. The system of claim 2, wherein said first source-side network adaptor is
adapted for indicating to said output selecting module whether a first condition that said

first legacy entertainment source is activated by said one or more first commands is true, and wherein said output selecting module is adapted for selecting said first entertainment output only if said first condition is true.

5 4. The system of claim 3, wherein said output-side network adaptor is further adapted for receiving one or more other commands from a second wireless controller capable of operating a second one of the legacy entertainment sources, wherein the system further comprises a second source-side network adaptor for coupling said second legacy entertainment source to the network, for receiving second entertainment output of
10 said second legacy entertainment source, for forwarding said second entertainment output to the network, and for indicating to said output selecting module whether an other condition that said second legacy entertainment source is activated by said one or more other commands is true, and wherein said output selecting module is further adapted for selecting said second entertainment output only if said other condition is true.

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 5. The system of claim 1, wherein said first source-side network adaptor is adapted for indicating to said output selecting module whether a first condition that said first legacy entertainment source is activated by said one or more first commands is true and said output selecting module is adapted for selecting said first entertainment output
20 only if said first condition is true, the system further comprising a second source-side network adaptor for coupling a second one of the legacy entertainment sources to the network, said second source-side network adaptor being adapted for receiving second entertainment output of said second legacy entertainment source and indicating to said output selecting module whether a second condition that said second legacy

entertainment source is activated by said one or more first commands is true, wherein said output selecting module is adapted for selecting said second entertainment output based on one or more second commands from said wireless controller.

5 6. The system of claim 5, wherein said output-side network adaptor is further adapted for receiving the selected said second entertainment output from the network and providing the selected said second entertainment output to the output device.

 7. The system of claim 5, wherein said output selecting module is adapted
10 for selecting said first entertainment output based on one or more third commands from said first wireless controller.

 8. The system of claim 5, wherein said first wireless controller includes an input switch adapted, upon activation by a user thereof, to transmit a power command
15 capable of powering said first and said second legacy entertainment devices on or off, wherein said one or more second commands includes said power command, and wherein said output-side network adaptor is adapted to recognize a duration of said activation and, if said duration is within a first predetermined range, select said second entertainment output and send said power command to said first source-side network adaptor for
20 blasting to said first legacy entertainment device, for turning off said first legacy entertainment device.

 9. The system of claim 8, wherein, if said duration is within a second predetermined range distinct from said first range, said output-side network adaptor is
25 adapted to send said power command to said first and second source-side network

adaptors for blasting to both of said first and second legacy entertainment devices, for turning off both said first and second legacy entertainment devices.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein said switch is adapted for activation by
5 pressing said switch, and wherein said first predetermined range corresponds to pressing said switch a short time and wherein said second predetermined range corresponds to pressing said switch a long time.

11. A method for adapting one or more legacy entertainment sources for
10 coupling to and remote operation over a network, to provide selected entertainment output of the sources to an output device, the method comprising:

receiving first entertainment output of said first legacy entertainment
source and forwarding said first entertainment output to the
15 network;

receiving one or more first commands from a first wireless controller
capable of operating said first legacy entertainment source; and
20 selecting said first entertainment output based on said one or more first commands.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising receiving the selected said
25 first entertainment output from the network and providing the selected said first entertainment output to the output device.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising determining whether a first condition that said first legacy entertainment source is activated by said one or more first commands is true and selecting said first entertainment output only if said first condition is true.

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14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

receiving one or more other commands from a second wireless controller capable of operating a second one of the legacy entertainment sources;

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receiving second entertainment output of said second legacy entertainment source and forwarding said second entertainment output to the network;

determining whether an other condition that said second legacy

entertainment source is activated by said one or more other

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commands is true; and

selecting said second entertainment output only if said other condition is true.

15. The method of claim 11, further comprising determining whether a first condition that said first legacy entertainment source is activated by said one or more first commands is true, selecting said first entertainment output only if said first condition is true, receiving second entertainment output of said second legacy entertainment source, determining whether a second condition that said second legacy entertainment source is activated by said one or more first commands is true, and selecting said second

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entertainment output based on one or more second commands from said first wireless controller.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising receiving the selected said
5 second entertainment output from the network and providing the selected said second entertainment output to the output device.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising selecting said first
entertainment output based on one or more third commands from said first wireless
10 controller.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein said first wireless controller includes an
input switch adapted, upon activation by a user thereof, to transmit a power command
capable of powering said first and said second legacy entertainment devices on or off,
15 and wherein said one or more second commands includes said power command, the
method further comprising recognizing a duration of said activation and, if said duration
is within a first predetermined range, selecting said second entertainment output and
sending said power command to said first source-side network adaptor for blasting to said
first legacy entertainment device, for turning off said first legacy entertainment device.

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19. The method of claim 18, wherein, if said duration is within a second
predetermined range distinct from said first range, the method further comprises sending
said power command to said first and second source-side network adaptors for blasting to
both of said first and second legacy entertainment devices, for turning off both said first
25 and second legacy entertainment devices.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein said switch is adapted for activation by pressing said switch, and wherein said first predetermined range corresponds to pressing said switch a short time and wherein said second predetermined range corresponds to
5 pressing said switch a longer time.